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OF OPTICAL CHANNELS IN A WAVELENGTH DIVISION MULTIPLEXED
SIGNAL
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Examiner: Unknown
Docket No.: 112740-559

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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 37 C.F.R. 1.97, and 37 C.F.R. 1.98, Applicants request that a citation and examination of the references cited below, and on the attached PTO-1449 form, copies of which are enclosed, be made during the course of examination of the above-identified application for United States patent.

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

<u>Document No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Country</u>
DE 199 14 793	10-26-00	Germany

OTHER DOCUMENTS

Agrawal, "Fiber-Optic Communication System, Second Edition, pages 323-328

Kaminow et al., "Optical Fiber Communications", IIIA, pages 316-334

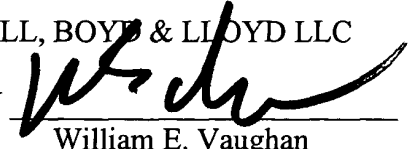
German DE 199 14 793 relates to a measurement of a signal quality in an optical transmission system in determining a distribution function of comparison values as a function of varying threshold used in sampling.

Applicants look forward to early and favorable consideration of this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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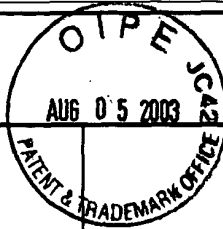
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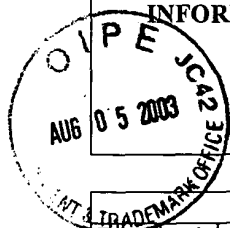
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